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Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled)

11. (New) A control system for an electrosurgical instrument, comprising:

a housing selectively positionable relative to an operating theater, said housing coupled to an electrosurgical energy source;

at least one foot-activatable pedal operatively engaged with said housing, said pedal including indicia identifying the function of the pedal; and

means for illuminating at least a portion of said pedal to illuminate said indicia.

12. (New) A control system according to claim 11, wherein said control system includes:

a pair of foot-activatable pedals operatively engaged with said housing, a first of said pair of foot-activatable pedals controlling a first function of said electrosurgical instrument and a second of said pair of foot-activatable pedals controlling a second function of said electrosurgical instrument; and

means for illuminating each of said pair of foot-activatable pedals.

13. (New) A control system according to claim 12, wherein said illuminating means blinks upon an actuation of one of said first and second foot-activatable pedals.

14. (New) A control system according to claim 12, wherein said control system includes:

first means for illuminating said first of said pair of foot-activatable pedals; and

second means for illuminating said second of said pair of foot-activatable pedals.

15. (New) A control system according to claim 14, wherein said first illuminating means includes a first color selected from a group consisting of red, yellow, green, blue and white; and wherein said second illuminating means includes a second color, different from said first color, and selected from a group consisting of red, yellow, green, blue and white.

16. (New) A control system according to claim 12, wherein each of said foot-activatable pedals includes an arm portion and wherein said indicia is formed by a plurality of light-emitting diodes disposed atop each of said arm portions.

17. (New) A control system according to claim 12, wherein each of said foot-activatable pedals includes a foot rest formed at one end thereof, each of said foot rests including a plurality of light-emitting diodes affixed about an outer periphery thereof.

18. (New) A control system according to claim 17, wherein said control system includes:

first means for illuminating said first of said pair of foot rests; and

second means for illuminating said second of said pair of foot rests.

19. (New) A control system according to claim 18, wherein said first illuminating means includes a first color selected from a group consisting of red, yellow, green, blue and white; and wherein said second illuminating means includes a second color, different from said first color, and selected from a group consisting of red, yellow, green, blue and white.

20. (New) A control system according to claim 11, wherein said indicia is formed in an upper surface of a respective foot-activatable pedal, and wherein illuminating means disposed within each foot-activatable pedal will cause said indicia to illuminate from within each foot-activatable pedal.

21. (New) A control system according to claim 20, wherein said indicia is a groove formed in an upper surface of a respective foot-activatable pedal, and wherein said groove has one of a transparent and a translucent material therewithin.

22. (New) A control system according to claim 20, wherein said control system includes:

first means for illuminating said indicia of said first foot-activatable pedal; and

second means for illuminating said indicia of said second foot-activatable pedal.

23. (New) A control system according to claim 20, wherein each of said first and second foot-activatable pedals further comprises a foot rest formed at a distal end thereof and a foot pad disposed on an upper surface of said foot rest, and wherein a groove surrounding said foot pad is formed in said upper surface of said foot rest.

24. (New) A control system according to claim 23, wherein said groove has one of a transparent and a translucent material disposed therewithin, wherein illuminating means disposed within each foot rest will illuminate said foot rest from within.

25. (New) A control system according to claim 20, wherein said control system includes:

first means for illuminating said groove of said foot rest of said first foot-activatable pedal; and

second means for illuminating said groove of said foot rest of said second foot-activatable pedal.

26. (New) A control system according to claim 25, wherein each of said first and second illuminating means blinks upon an actuation of one of said first and second foot-activatable pedals.

27. (New) A control system according to claim 11, wherein each of said foot-activatable pedals includes a foot rest formed at one end thereof, said foot rest having a foot pad disposed on an upper surface thereof, said foot pads including a plurality of light-emitting diodes affixed thereto such that each foot pad is separately illuminated.

28. (New) A control system for an electrosurgical instrument, comprising:

a housing selectively positionable relative to an operating theater, said housing coupled to an electrosurgical energy source;

at least one foot-activatable pedal operatively engaged with said housing, each of said foot-activatable pedals including:

an arm portion having indicia identifying the function of each foot-activatable pedal formed by a plurality of light emitting diodes disposed atop each of said arm portions; and

a foot rest formed at one end thereof, wherein each of said foot rests include a plurality of light-emitting diodes affixed about an outer periphery thereof; and

means for illuminating at least a portion of said pedal to illuminate said indicia.

29. (New) A control system for an electrosurgical instrument, comprising:

a housing selectively positionable relative to an operating theater, said housing coupled to an electrosurgical energy source;

at least one foot-activatable pedal operatively engaged with said housing, wherein each foot-activatable pedal includes a foot rest formed at one end thereof and indicia identifying the function of each foot-activatable pedal, said foot rest having a foot pad disposed on an upper surface thereof, said foot pads including a plurality of light-emitting diodes affixed to each foot pad such that each foot pad is separately illuminated; and

means for illuminating at least a portion of said pedal to illuminate said indicia.